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Death rate in other cities.

Some statistics have been procured by the health department as to the death rate in other cities. Of 100 cities in America from which statistics could be secured, Three Rivers has the highest death rate, and Hamilton, Ontario, the lowest. For 19 North American cities, it was shown the average death rate was 20.1 per 1,000. For 75 European cities the average death rate is shown to be 19.7. For 6 South American cities the rate was shown to be 32.1.

Commenting on this report the Montreal Star has the following :

"Assuming the population to be 250,000, Montreal loses 6,250 lives a year. Why should we lose 2,245 more than Louisville, Ky.?

"Why should 3,873 more people die here than in St. Paul; 3,580 more than in Minneapolis? Coming nearer home, why should we lose 2,703 per year more than the same population of Buffalo? Why is it that a great city like New York, with its herds of all kinds of people flocking in from the four quarters of the earth, its intense heat in summer, its dense population, crowded tenement districts, why should such a city actually lose 1,438 fewer lives per 250,000 than Montreal?

"Why should our death rate be higher than Memphis, Tenn., or New Orleans, with their frequent ravages of fevers unknown in our climate? Why should Montreal in 1900 lose a larger percentage of its population than any other city on the continent, with the single exception of Savannah, Ga.?"

JOHN L. BITTINGER,
Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Two more deaths from cholera at Canton.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., March 17, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you for the information of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service of the receipt of the following telegram dated the 14th instant from the consul of the United States at Canton, China:

Fritz Brockelmann, Swedish-Norwegian merchant consul, died to-day, cholera; also, sailor French gunboat *Avalanche*.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Cholera spreading in Seungshan—Abating in Canton.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., March 20, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you for the information of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service of the receipt of a telegram dated the 19th instant from the consul of the United States at Canton, China, as follows:

Cholera spreading in Seungshan, abating Canton.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.